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## IKE AS A SYMBOL

To Russians, He Represents  
Industrial and Military Might of  
U. S., Duke Shoop Says.

## COULD BE A WAR DETERRANT

Because of President's Role  
Conflict and Visit There, the  
People Know Him Well.

## HOPE FOR KOREAN END

Real Progress Toward Cease-Fire  
Is Being Made, Real Estate  
Board Is Told.

President Eisenhower  
is one man the Russians  
know well, and whose  
capabilities are well defined  
in the Communist mind  
and this knowledge could  
be a major deterrent to  
any overt acts of war on  
the part of the Russians.

That description of the  
nation's chief executive was given  
in a speech by Duke Shoop, The  
Star's Washington correspondent,  
before a capacity audience  
at a Real Estate Board luncheon  
this afternoon in the Colonial  
ballroom of the Hotel Muehlebach.

Shoop will give a condensed  
version of his talk in an appearance  
on WDAF from 8:30 to 9  
o'clock tonight.

### Paid Him Homage.

"President Eisenhower stood  
with Stalin and his palace guard  
in the Red Square of Moscow,"  
Shoop pointed out. "The Russian  
people, after the end of the  
war, afforded him great homage."

"President Eisenhower symbolizes  
boldness to the Russians the great  
industrial and military might of  
this great land. Sanitized  
the generals of the Russian

army regard him as one of the  
country's greatest generals. To  
Stalin is that under this new  
regime in Moscow, great hostilities  
would preclude any overt  
act that might force another  
world war."

The speaker continued, pointing  
a question heard frequently:

"What are the chances for  
peace? Right off, let me warn  
you all that no one knows for  
sure, and every paper, magazine  
and nightly on radio and  
television you can get the inside  
low-down on the situation  
behind the gates of the Kremlin.  
I do not profess to know, but  
do know this, I know as much of  
anyone else and that is absolutely  
nothing. So, we won't have to  
hid ourselves."

### Opinions Are Varied.

"In recent days I have talked  
to such persons as Averell Har-  
rison, General James Clay,  
Dean Acheson, Allen Dulles,  
General Bradley, and others.  
Very little do these gentlemen  
agree upon. I approached them  
individually, as a friend,  
asked for their viewpoint and  
found opinions as diverse as  
the wind. So, now let me speak  
my own."

"We can't get away from the  
fact that things are better than  
they were yesterday. A truce  
and a cease-fire in Korea has  
been attained. The exact time is  
today's guess. On the over-all  
situation, it is agreed that the  
international situation in Russia will  
keep the competitive wars so  
busy that they will not have time  
to plot and plan and connive  
against the free world."

"In any appraisal of the broad  
world picture one must not overlook  
the personality of Ike  
Eisenhower, our leader in the  
White House today is one of very  
few Americans who has been  
permitted to be known by the  
Russian people."

### Facts and Figures.

"Among the many persons  
who consider themselves capable  
of talking about the Russian  
situation there is almost a unanimous  
feeling that Ike as an individual  
is one of our major weapons  
against another horrible  
mess that we went through  
not so long ago. Behind this  
Eisenhower personality there  
are many figures and facts that  
can be backed up to show the  
progress being made on a strictly  
military level. We have now  
raised the necessary forces to  
show the Russians that they can  
not count on a cheap victory."

"Sure, we are having trouble  
with the rearming of the  
Germans, but the Russians know

unmolested to the North Sea,  
or to the Elbe, or to the Channel.  
Away from the strictly military  
point of view is the fact that  
Russia now understands a little  
bit about what the Russians  
think is this crazy country of  
America.

"Our leaders have been told  
that they hoped for Republican  
victory because it would be a  
sign of a return to isolationism.  
By now they realize the con-  
tinuity of the basic foreign policy  
and the almost unanimous agree-  
ment between our two major  
political parties on foreign  
affairs. Ike certainly made that  
plain in his recent speech."

### No Sure Knowledge.

"Please forgive me if I have  
left any impression that I know  
anything about anything. When  
the doors are closed and our  
friends are around our  
brains in Washington will tell  
you that it is sheer hocus-pocus  
to make any prediction about  
things to come."

"Certainly, never in history  
has the government had so little  
factual information on a prob-  
lem and a subject as big as  
Washington. Sure, we have spies  
all over Russia. We know exactly  
how many bullets and guns  
and ships and planes they make  
and they do about our production,  
but we just don't know a thing  
about the thinking inside the  
Kremlin."

"You have read in recent  
years that Stalin's power was  
great that it could never be  
challenged by one man. Everyone  
who should know agrees that that  
is true, so it has been divided.  
This fellow, Beria, the head of  
the Russian police system, over  
all the commissars, must be  
reckoned with. He has never  
been outside Russia and is re-  
puted to hate our "innards." Malenkov  
is regarded as being of the type  
anxious to save his own head and, if possible, consolidate the gains made in recent  
years and not dart off on any  
new adventure."

### Report From Others.

"I don't want to leave the im-  
pression that I think that things  
are actually better because I  
don't know, but those in whom I  
have great confidence feel that  
way, and I feel that it is only my  
duty to report that to you."

"All of us have read and heard  
about a possible meeting of the  
Big Three: our President with  
the leaders of England and Rus-  
sia. I happen to know that Ike  
would like very much to sit  
around a conference table with  
anyone out of which might come  
an honorable discharge of our  
difference. But let's hold up for  
a moment. Our government is  
third party at such a meeting.  
Would it be Malenkov, or would  
it be Beria? If either of them

and their government?  
"Now a bit about Korea. Be-  
hind all the confusion out there,  
there is in the works a definite  
effort on both sides for a cease-  
fire and a truce. Stalin's death  
helped that, too. Today the Chi-  
nese Communists do not know  
upon whom to rely in Moscow.  
They are out on a limb and they  
know it. Their attitude might  
well be said that they better  
have well enough alone."

### Not Useless War.

"Now ending, I shall say  
something that will not be popu-  
lar to the mothers and fathers  
of the fine boys who are 7,000  
miles away from home in Ko-  
rea. Harry Truman said two  
years ago that this was just a  
police action, but we know dif-  
ferent, and the last election  
showed that this police action  
is not popular but I would like  
to say that it is not accurate  
and, any political dem-  
agogue, to say the Korean situ-  
ation was a useless war."

"On a world-wide basis it has  
given proof to our enemies that  
we are ready to fight to preserve  
our liberty and the freedoms  
that embody our philosophy."

"There have been great heroes  
through the years, through the  
years, who have fought for what  
we and I today enjoy. It is my  
belief that no nation ever had  
braver heroes than those who  
went through the Korean affair.  
That is my sincere conviction."

"We believe that freedom,  
peace and dignity are man's  
estate. We believe that truth  
and light and confidence will  
banish hate. We believe that  
strength of men who work  
free forever lies in unity. We  
believe that out of strife a better  
world will come one day. We  
believe that destiny has called  
this land to show the way. Every  
time we feel the spell of men  
who try, whose faith is strong,  
whose hopes are high, then we  
know why we believe."

Following his talk, Shoop was  
asked from the floor:

"Have you seen General Mac-  
Arthur recently, and is he a for-  
gotten man?"

He answered:  
"I have seen him. He is not  
never will be, a forgotten  
man. General MacArthur is one  
of the greatest men the world  
has ever produced. In World  
War II, MacArthur felt the Jap-  
anese should have been defeated first.  
There was opposition to this feel-  
ing in Washington for which  
MacArthur blamed Eisenhower."

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